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Ref: 8EPR-SR

Mr. Stan Hauck
1815 MT Highway 37
Libby, MT 59923

Re: Lawn Restoration, 1815 MT Highway 27,
South Side Yard

Dear Mr. Hauck:

Thank you for the time you have spent meeting with me and talking on the phone to express your concerns and help identify a solution for restoration of your lawn. The purpose of this letter is to summarize the actions agreed upon with respect to restoration of your side yard.

- The EPA agreed to provide you with a credit for 40 bags of garden soil. You have received a credit to the Libby Ace Hardware store in the amount of \$320.
- The EPA will re-seed your side yard with a bluegrass mix in late September or early October of 2013, depending on the weather. Fall is the optimum time to plant because it takes advantage of the moisture that time of year which allows the seeds to germinate and establish roots for the spring when warm weather returns. The seeding will be done after scarifying the soil to a depth of about three inches to ensure that the soil is not overly compacted. I will give you a call a day or two before our crew arrives at your property.
- The EPA will apply fertilizer this fall, at the time of seeding. We have determined your side yard soil to be deficient in nitrogen, so a nitrogen-rich fertilizer will be used. The rate of application will be heavy to help correct the nitrogen imbalance. The side yard soil is also deficient in sulfur, so the fertilizer will contain a minimum of 7% sulfur as sulfate.


In addition to the work that EPA will perform, I would like to offer a few recommendations:

- Fertilize again in the spring with the nitrogen-rich fertilizer. I would suggest early April and late May (weather dependent) to take advantage of the early part of the growing season. We will leave enough fertilizer for you to take care of the initial applications. After those applications, you will likely want to continue with your normal fertilization schedule.

- If you continue to have a problem with moss in your side yard, I understand a ferrous sulfate product is commercially available for the control of moss.
- Until the grass is well established, you may want to avoid mowing, treating for weeds, or parking in the area. Note that for the lawn to be fully established it may take as little as a single growing season or as long as two years.

Thank you again for your patience in working through these issues. Please call me at (303) 312-6552 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter. It has been my pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,


Rebecca J. Thomas
Libby Asbestos Team Lead

cc: Brian Broekemeier, USACE
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